PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Substitute for form 1449/PTO				Complete if Known		
				Application Number		
INF	INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT			Filing Date		
				First Named Inventor	Robert Ling Chiang	
(Use as many sheets as necessary)			ary)	Art Unit		
			•	Examiner Name		
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	06440 USA	

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or	
		Number-Kind Code ^{2 (8 known)}			Relevant Figures Appear	
5MG		^{US-} 5,536,302	07/16/1996	Timothy C. Golden, et al		
		^{US-} 6,461,411	10/08/2002	Tadaharu Watanabe, et		
Some				al		
Sma		^{US-} 6,241,955 B1	06/05/2001	Daniel Alvarez, Jr.		
SING		^{US-} 6,524,544 B1	02/25/2003	Daniel Alvarez, Jr., et al		
Sanc.		^{US-} 6,110,258	08/29/2000	Dan Fraenkel, et al		
Sm		^{US-} 6,395,070 B1	05/28/2003	Paul M. Bhadha, et al		
CMG		^{US-} 4,983,363	01/08/1991	Glenn M. Tom, et al	•	
Say		^{US-} 4,761,395	08/02/1988	Glenn M. Tom, et al		
Sma		^{US-} 5,531,971	07/02/1996	Glenn M. Tom, et al		
Surg		^{US-} 4,433,981	02/28/1984	Slaugh et al		
Sug		^{US-} 4,950,419	08/21/1990	Tom et al		
Sink		^{US-} 2003/0097929	05/29/2003	Watanabe et al		
Sivy		^{US-} 5,716,588	02/10/1998	Vergani et al		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Occurrent Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (*	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶ ·
Sauce		WO 97/06104	02/20/1997	SAES GETTERS S.P.A.		\boxtimes
Sma		JP 9-142833	06/03/1997	TAIYO TOYO SANSO CO.		X
Sax		EP 1 176 120 A1	01/30/2002	JAPAN PIONICS CO.		(X)
SMI		EP 0 484 301 B1	10/12/1994	SAES GETTERS S.P.A.		X
SMu		EP 0 470 936 B1	12/07/1994	SAES GETTERS S.P.A.		X
Sus		WO 00/23174	04/27/2000	MATHESON TRI GAS		X
Sing		WO 01/68241 A2	09/20/2001	PALL CORPORATION		X
Suy		WO 03/037485 A1	05/08/2003	MATHESON TRI-GAS, INC.		Х

Examiner	00-	' Date	1-13-05
Signature	stepen the	Considered	(-13-0)

Signature

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformation and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-latter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent